

# DIPLOPHOBIA

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The Players -- Still more changes to Roster in P-86 (as changed already by P's 87-92; new Roster out one of these days) -- Add Traders S.Cooper (ARMADILLO), Turpin (THERMOPOLAE, EMPIRE), Piggott (ETHIL THE FROG); Add Subber Fong (W-97); Naus: Add G; Phillips: Add D, FNI; Reiter: Delete entire entry; out of games D, G, FNI; St.Cyr: Delete entire entry; no longer playing, trading, or subbing; Tretick: New phone #: 301-942-4738 (will have temp. CoA in April); also, delete game QHC; now trading DPBA instead of TGL for LA GUERRE.

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The House-Rules -- As published in DIPLOMANIA #26 and amended in DIPLOPHOBIA #92; these are mandatory.

Replacement Players -- Replacement moves needed nextish from: Ken Webber (QIC: A-H). Note that Naus is in QGC, and Phillips is in QDC and FNI. More Stand-By Replacement Players needed for FNI.

Miscellaneous -- Failed to note inside 'zine that Hal Naus had replaced Dick Reiter (who missed two consecutive moves) in game QGC, so please take note now. Also, note that Dave Border is still playing TLA in game QHC. Publishing delays caused by our eye problem have resulted in a back-up in 'zines coming out from us; in the queue, typed and waiting to be run off, are: TWJ WSEA JOURNAL #79, THE GAMESLETTER #33, parts of TGL #'s 34-36, most of THE GAMESMAN #7, and SON OF THE WSEA JOURNAL #'s 44, 46, 47. They'll be out eventually (we can only run off a max. of 10 pages per week as things now stand).

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QDC (Regular Diplomacy Game #23) -- COUP IN ENGLAND!

The Players -- Andy Phillips is now playing ENG in place of Dick Reiter, who has missed his 2nd consecutive move & is therefore automatically replaced.

AUTUMN, 1911 retreat -- ENG (Phillips): F Tyn (R) WMe.

WINTER, 1911 builds -- GER (Riley): (B) A Ber; (B) A Kie; TUR (Calabria): (B) A Con.

Positions at end of W'11 -- ENG: A Gas, F's NtS, EnC, Spa(SC), Naf, Tun, WMe, Lyo (8); GER: A's Kie, Ber, Mun, Ruh, Bur, Bel, War, Lvn, Mos; F's Hol, Nwy (11); TUR: A's Con, Mar, Tyo, Boh, Sil, Gal, Ukr, Sev; F's Neg, Ion, Alb, Nap, Tus, Tyn, Rom (15).

Propaganda -- None.

QDC Diplobourse -- POUNDS FALL IN MOMENTARY FLASH OF BOURSE ACTIVITY!

Individual Actions (reflects only those which succeed) --

The Board After Execution of Actions (Selling Price only):

Date	Name	Crowns	Pounds	Francs	Marks	Lire	Roubles	Piastres
START	-	0	26.7	16.3	74.2	0	99.1	193.4
3/2	Rosamilia	0	11.7	16.3	74.2	0	99.1	193.4

// -- Two misses (i.e., no orders or statement of intent) in row; one more and you are out of QDC Diplobourse. St.Cyr is out unless he subs to DPBA.

Player Holdings at end of W'11 -- Borecki: 200 Cr, 100 Pd, 764 Pi, 172 Dd; Rosamilia: 30 Cr, 200 Pd, 296 Mk, 405 Li, 600 Pi, 2927.5 Dd; Scholz: 100 Cr, 398 Pd, 546 Mk, 114 Li, 25.7 Dd; St.Cyr(?): 300 Cr, 582 Pd, 200 Pi, 2.7 Dd; Ver Ploeg(?): 170 Cr, 381 Pd, 411 Pi, 20.1 Dd.

Deadline for Session 36 -- March 6.

Deadline for SPRING, 1912 moves -- Noon, Tues., March 7.

QFC (Regular Diplomacy Game #25) -- GERMANY, TURKEY IN BLOODY FIGHTING ALL ALONG FRONT AS GERMANY FIGHTS FOR HER LIFE!

SPRING, 1910 moves --

ENG (C.Johnson) -- A Wal-Lvp; F EnC-Mid; F Edi (H).

GER (Welsh) -- F EnC-Nts (no F EnC); F Nwy-Nwg; A Bel-Ruh; A Kie (S) A Bel-Ruh; A Swe (S) F Bar-Nwy; F Bar-Nwy; F Hel (U).

ITA (Calabria) -- F Mid-Iri; F Nnt (S) F Mid-Iri; F Spa(SC)-Mid; F Bre (S) F Spa(SC)-Mid; A Gas-Bur; A Par (S) A Gas-Bur; A Pie-Mar; A Ven-Tyo; A Vie (S) A Ven-Tyo; A Bud (S) A Ser; A Ser (S) A Bud; F Tyn (H); F Ion (H).

TUR (Rosamilia) -- A Fin-Nwy; A StP (S) A Fin-Nwy; A Pru-Lvn; A Mun-Ruh; A Sil-Mun; A Gal-Boh; A Bul-Rum; A Con-Bul; F Bla (C) A Ank-Sev; A Ank-Sev; F Gre (H); A Ber-Kie.

Propaganda -- None.

QFC Diplobourse -- RECORD-BREAKING DORMANT SPELL CONTINUES!

No Action in Session 27. Market at end of F'10 (Selling Price): Cr, .00; Pd, .09; Fr, .00; Mk, .18; Li, 1.23; Ro, .00; Pi, 1.95.

// -- Two misses (i.e., no orders or statement of intent to continue) in row; one more & you are out of QFC Diplobourse. St.Cyr is out unless he subs to DPBA.

Deadline for Session 28 -- March 6.

Deadline for F'10 moves (no SUM retreats) -- Noon, Tues., March 7.

QGC (Regular Diplomacy Game #26) -- TURKEY, GERMANY TIE FOR LEAD, WITH ENGLAND RIGHT BEHIND; AUSTRIA-HUNGARY, GERMANY KNOCKED! COUP IN ENGLAND!

SUMMER, 1906 retreats -- ITA (Welsh): F WMe (R) Tyn; TUR (Tommesen): A Ser (R) Alb.

FALL, 1906 moves --

A-H (A.Miller) -- A Bud-Rum (D (Gal, o.b.)); A Ser-Bul (A).

ENG (Naus) -- A StP (S) F Bar-Nwy; A Ber (H); F Bot (S) A Fin-Swe; F Bar-Nwy; F Fin-Swe; F Den (S) F Fin-Swe.

QGC (Continued) --

FRA (Cochran) -- A Mun-Boh; A Ruh-Mun; A Kie (S) A Ruh-Mun; A Mar-Pie; A Bur-Mar; F WMe-Lyo; F Spa(SC) (S) F WMe-Lyo; F Mid-Naf; F Azores-Ecuador (no F Azores).

GER (Quist) -- No units on board.

ITA (Welsh) -- A Tyo-Tri; F Lyo (S) A Ven-Pie (F Lyo D (Tus, o.b.)); A Ven-Pie; A Vie (S) TUR A Rum-Bud; F Ion-Tun; F Tyn (S) F Ion-Tun.

RUS (Webber) -- A Mos-Sev; F Swe-Nwy (D (Bal, Ska, o.b.)); F Nwy-EnC (impossible; not connected) (F Nwy D (Nwg, NtS, Ska, o.b.)).

TUR (Tonnesen) -- A Arm-Sev; F Tun-Naf (D (WMe, o.b.)); F Gre (H); A Alb-Ser; A Bul (S) A Alb-Ser; A Rum-Bud; F Bla-Rum.

Supply Centers held at end of AUT'06 (retreats do not affect count) --

A-H -- ~~WMe, WMe~~ (remove one unit; one dest. F'06). (0)

ENG -- StP, Ber, Den, Edi, Lvp, Lon, Nwy, Swe (may build two units). (8)

FRA -- Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Bel, Hol, Mun, Kie (may build one unit). (9)

GER -- ~~WMe~~ (stands pat; one dest. S'06). (0)

ITA -- Tri, Vie, Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun (stands pat). (6)

RUS -- Mos, War, ~~WMe~~, ~~WMe~~ (remove one unit; only 3 on board). (2)

TUR -- Ank, Smy, Con, Bul, Gre, Ser, Sev, Rum, Bud (may build two units). (9)

Propaganda --

Ankara -- The Sultan Abdul-Hamid II hopes Italy stays with us as an ally. He was truly saddened when he learned that Austria-Hungary had attacked His army. He wishes His former ally the best and hopes that Austria-Hungary did more by his action than just give the game to France and cause his own disappearance.

Budapest (Sept. 3rd, 1906) -- King Joseph of Austria and King of the Double Crown with Hungary has determined that this greedy war-torn continent is unworthy of the high culture Austria-Hungary presents to it, and accordingly is now directing this country's great intellectual abilities and huge wealth towards the establishment of a New Austria-Hungary in Western Canada. All those interested in developing a better life in a land of freedom, peace and prosperity are invited to write to the "Secretary of the Canadian-Austrian Coalition".

Paris (July 14, 1906) -- Paris was at a standstill today as all France celebrated the victory over the German aggressor. Italy is encouraged to take notice, take warning, and take that fleet out of French waters. (EATe)

Purple Platinum Plated Propagandist -- I'm the real PPPP no matter what the Sultan says. Anyway, he's about to be attacked in the rear by the Pshaw of Al-So-Iran. Is the attack on Tunisia real? Or a fake to fool France? Have Italy and Turkey teamed up? Or is Turkey conning Italy the way he did Russia? It looks like France is getting ready to pounce on Italy. Will they knock each other off and get munched by Turkey? The northern half of Europe has become a non-war. Will England or Russia or both get new rulers? Gnurfle around till next time and see.

Serbia -- The Sultan Abdul-Hamid II is here at the front lines with His bloody but victorious troops. The superb Austria-Hungary troops, led by the valiant Major Prolick, had pushed our troops out of Serbia, and only our superior numbers and their lack of supplies enabled us to retake this war-torn country. Our weary troops take their hats off to the brave Austria-Hungarians, and truly hope they have to fight them no more.

Deadline for AUT'06 retreats (A-H: A Bud; ITA: F Lyo; RUS: F Swe, F Nwy; TUR: F Tun) and W'06 builds/removals -- Noon, Tues., March 7.

QHC (Regular Diplomacy Game #27) -- RETREATING RUSSIAN FLEET TAKES SWEDEN, ELIMINATING GERMANY! RUSSIA TIES AUSTRIA-HUNGARY FOR LEAD!

AUTUMN, 1905 retreats -- GER (Tretick): F Hol (R) NtS; RUS (A.Miller): F Den (R) Swe. (Swe thus goes from GER to RUS, with resp. s.ctr. counts 0 & 8.)

WINTER, 1905 builds/removals -- A-H (Power): (B) A Tri; (B) A Vie; ENG (Phillips): (B) A Edi; FRA (Calabria): (B) A Par; GER: (E) F NtS; (E) F Bal; (E) A Lvn; (E) A Bur; RUS: (B) A StP; TUR (Dix): (B) A Ank.

QHC (Continued) --

Positions at end of W'05 -- A-H: A's Sev, Ukr, Rum, Vie, Tri, Ser; F's Aeg, Bul(SC) (8); ENG: A's Edi, Lvp; F Den (3); FRA: A's Par, Hol, Yor; F's Lon, Iri (5); GER: None; OGG; ITA (Border): A's Spa, Boh; F's EMe, Ion, Lyo, WMe (6); RUS: A's War, Mos, StP, Nwy, Sil, Mun, Kie; F Swe (8); TUR: A's Ank, Con; F's Ven, Smy (4).

Propaganda --

Moscow (Nov 11th 1905) -- Celebrations were held throughout Russia (including the lost provinces of Ukraina and Sevastopol) over the Czar's magnificent and total crushing of Germany. The Great, Highly Intelligent, Brave, Super Czar was quoted as saying, "This is but the beginning; We shall destroy all Our enemies, We shall liberate Ukraina and Sevastopol and all other enslaved countries under Austrian domination. Justice eventually will be achieved. Germany broke a solemn bond between us by entering Our territorial waters and I, acting as an instrument of right did destroy the intruder. Now it is Austria-Hungary's turn."

Moscow (Nov 12th 1905) -- The Great, Highly Intelligent, Brave, Super Czar to-day declared war upon England saying, "I have been extremely honest and kind to the nation of England; I forgave it even for direct attacks upon Our territories; I spoke true to it warning him of my Scandinavian assault while he requested an alliance; I offered a sharing of German spoils with him--and, after all this, he, the Stupid King of England, still conspired against Me and still directly attacked Me. No nation has ever shown more kindness and forgiveness than that which Russia extended to England, but there must be a limit for the sake of My peoples. England, we are at war!"

Deadline for SPRING, 1906 moves -- Noon, Tues., March 7.

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QIC (Regular Diplomacy Game #28) -- GERMANY PUSHES RUSSIA BACK IN SCANDINAVIA, WHILE FRANCE TAKES ROME, DRIVES ON ITALY!

The Players -- Ken Webber, pls. send FALL moves for Quist (A-H), in case....

SPRING, 1904 moves --

A-H (Quist?) -- A Vie (U).

ENG (Walker) -- F Lvp (H); A Gas-Par (no A Gas).

FRA (Tonnesen) -- F Lyo-Tyn; F Tun-Ion; A Tus-Rom; A Mar-Pie; A Spa-Mar; F Lon-EnC; F Iri-Wal.

GER (Ackerman) -- A Edi (H); A Mun (H); A Den-Swe; F Bal (S) A Den-Swe; A Ber-Pru; F NtS-Ska; F Nwg-Nwy.

ITA (Beyerlein) -- A Tri (S) A-H A Vie; A Ven (S) A Tri; F Ion-Adrl F Nap (S)

FRA F Tun-Ion.

RUS (Sageser) -- A Nwy (S) F Swe; A StP (S) A Nwy; F Swe (H) (D (Fin, Bot, o.b.)); A War-Pru; A Boh-Mun; A Gal-Vie; A Bud (S) A Gal-Vie; F Rum-Sev.

TUR (Boyer) -- A Ser (S) A Gre-Alb; A Gre-Alb; F EMe (S) F Aeg-Ion; F Aeg-Ion; F Bul(SC)-Gre; F Con-Aeg.

Propaganda --

Aaaaaaa, Hawaii (1 Jan 1904) (A Gas-Par) -- In this quaint Hawaiian town (whose name means "the lazy lava", in case you were wondering), now the capital of the Hawaiian Islands, Queen Lottahuuhaa II today declared Her nation's alliance with the Kingdom of England. Her Majesty, in a Royal Rescript, denounced the "treacherous Frogs" and "blockheaded Huns" whose machinations against King-Emperor Huon XVIII's realm "mark a fundamental assault on the High Culture of Europe". Her Majesty deplored the Froggo-Hun occupation of England and threatened to dip the Frog and Hun ambassadors in boiling hot poi unless something were done about it. Her Majesty's husband and younger brother, Prince-Consort Makaawupii, echoed Her sentiments and vowed that "England's flag shall never fall so long as Hawaii's waves above the Dole Pineapple Works!" (The Hawaiian flag, in case you're wondering, has a Union Jack canton on a red field, on which is the national motto of Hawaii, "In We Cest".

Albano, American Empire (2 Jan 1904) (A Gas-Par) -- "'In We Cest', indeed!" snorted Her Imperial Majesty, Empress Lucretia IV. "Those Hawaiians think they're

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so damn good because they've been marrying their kith and kin since 1795. Well, we Borgias have been doing it since 1546...haven't we, bubbsey?" Her Majesty's youngest brother, and third husband, 16-year-old Prince Niccolo, nodded enthusiastically. This reporter understands that Her Majesty's other husbands (another brother, an uncle, and two first cousins) also agree that the Hawaiians are just johnny-come-latelys. Her Majesty is in Albano, the capital of Nuevo Yorque, to participate in the 50th anniversary of the final annexation of the last of the old United States after the surrender of Jaime Buchanan on the Field of Tanglewood (in Nuevo Anglaterra) in 1852. The Capitulation of Albano in 1854 marked the last of organized Gringo resistance and the collapse of the Yanque Underground. Her Majesty's great-grandfather, Emperor Cesare VII the Great, had accepted the surrender of Generalissimo Uliissio Grant at Albano after the stunning victories of Imperial Field Marshall Roberto Lee at Utica and Scipio. Helping Her Majesty conduct the commemoration ceremonies will be Her loyal subjects, Majore-General Conde Uliissio Grant II of the Imperial Cavalry and Dr. Duque Roberto Lee III, President of the Collegio Imperial de Guillermo y Maria.

Ankara -- The President has formally suspended the Constitution yesterday. The reason given was that the Turkish people were not yet ready for full political rights. When asked by newsmen as to how long it would take for the people to be ready, the President replied: "Oh, about a generation, give or take a few years... one never knows how long he might live."

Bayerlein -- Beginners to the right of me! Beginners to the left of me! Beginners in front of me folly and fumble! Onward the Green Brigade, into the Valley of Death rode the Green Hundred.

Dublin (15 March 1904) (A Gas-Par) -- King-Emperor Huon XVIII today snorted His defiance of the Frogs and the Huns. "Try sending an army here!" shrieked His Majesty, cackling hysterically. Prime Minister Baron Meliadus later admitted to reporters, "It isn't so bad in Ireland, really, so long as you're used to potatoes."

Frogland -- The Frogs will add another Frog unit next year thanks to a lend-lease program created by the people of Liverpool. At this rate the world will be covered with light blue Frogs by 1984.

Impassable (Imposter #2) -- Dear U.E.N., Switzerland: You may be the original Impassable Imposter; but, remember, you are not the original Impassable. I wouldn't like to see you have an identity crisis in the midst of all the impostering.

Imposter #87 -- Question: If it takes three birds three minutes to eat three worms, how long does it take six birds to eat six worms? Answer: Russia by '07.

Moscow -- I have not used this byline before because I use U.E.N. and Impassable Imposter most of the time. It used to be just Ackerman, Boyer, Tonnesen and myself printing propaganda. Now with Walker adding his verbiage we print more bylines than anyone (including Miller) can keep track of, or for that matter would want to keep track of. I want Turkey to know (as well as the rest of you jokers) that Germany has Sweden and Norway, and unless France attacks him he's got the game. The two mistakes that caused me to lose were thinking Hoheisel and Beyerlein were the real threat, and not helping Walker when he joined the game. "Congratulations", A.B. Ackerman!!

Rome -- The following is a report from your traveling spy, alias the original Impassable: "The Italian Government has come under attack while lunching in a local Roman Pizza Parlor as a result of the invading forces from France. In spite of overwhelming odds, they are holding out against the treacherous French and generally distinguishing themselves as heroes worthy of the Italian race. Meanwhile, those lucky Turks have been rolling in through the open back door. Thus, the motto is: Be a hero, if you must, but don't be a naive fool and think that heroes always win the war. Complaints or no complaints, here is the clue for my next stop: 11-4, 0-4, 11-5, 12-9, 12-3, and 12-8. By the way, all roads lead to Rome, heh, heh."

Turkey -- France: OK. You get Italy.

U.E.N., Switzerland -- Several please for peace have been received by the War and Peace Committee from three nations. One country's diplomat was quoted as

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having said the following in an emotional and raspy voice: "Today, my country is nearing extinction and we are pleading for your help in preserving the freedom of our people. How can you stand by and allow such an act of pure demoniacal aggression to take place upon the very fragile flower of peace? How can we men stoop so low that we no longer recognize human dignity and pride? It will be a terrible day when Man will no longer be able to wage war without destroying himself. Someday, it will be that war will no longer have any victors. Let us start now in stopping the head-on rush towards an awful fate for our world. We must now re-dedicate ourselves to peace...that such a fragile thing as peace should mean so much to all and yet be shattered by the basest of us...that we are all brought down to the demeaning, dehumanizing, destructive and distorted level of thinking of the worst among us, and all because we cannot rid ourselves of our selfishness. It is a sad truth of human behavior, but it only takes one to corrupt the rest."

NSG -- Russia: I accept your offer as in your last letter. But I want to see some concrete evidence of your good intentions. I'll move West if you go South.

Deadline for SUM'04 retreat (RUS: F Swe) and F'04 moves -- Noon, Tues., Mar. 7.

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QJC (Regular Diplomacy Game #29) -- LULL IN FIGHTING AS CZAR CELEBRATES TET BY NEGOTIATING TEMPORARY CEASE-FIRE THROUGHOUT EUROPE!

SUMMER, 1903 retreats -- GER (Tonnesen): A Boh (R) Mun; F Nwy (R) Ska.

GM Note -- As stated in P-92, Earl Hodin's military obligations made it impossible for him to get DPBA in time to conduct negotiations and submit moves in time for the current deadline, and so the F'03 deadline will be extended. However, we are setting the deadline shorter than usual, in hopes that we can get the moves out to the players in time for them to get WINT orders back to us in time for their publication in P-94. ##### Two QJC players complained about the deadline extension; we will respond to them and discuss the situation either in this issue or the next, depending upon how much space we have left in the 'zine after we have published the scheduled material. Suffice it to say for now that we have been especially lenient where military/job considerations have interfered with our scheduled deadlines--although we can sympathize with those who feel that any deadline extension is contrary to the rules & spirit of the game.

Final deadline for F'03 moves -- Tues., Feb. 29.

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FNI (Scotice Scripti II) -- ENGLISH KING SLAIN, THRONE SEIZED BY EXILED KING OF SCOTLAND!

The Players -- Andy Phillips is now playing ENGLAND in place of Dick Reiter, who missed two consecutive moves and is therefore automatically replaced.

WINTER, 1022 builds/removals -- ENGLAND (Phillips): (E) F Bristol Channel; ORKNEY (Calabria): (B) F Skye; ULSTER (Pulsipher): (B) A Omagh.

Positions at end of W'22 -- CONNACHT (Libby): A Tua (1); ENG: A's Lot, Cal, Cum; A/F's Alc, SlB, Mon; F's Gal, Sat, Dun (12); LEINSTER (Welsh): A's Ang, Mea, Kil, Wic (4); MUNSTER (Linden): A's Lim, Cas, Lei, Off, Bar (5); ORK: A Sut; F's Lis(SC), Nth, Isl, Sky, Mid, Don (7); ULS: A's Oma, Ern, Ere, Sli, Ros (5).

Propaganda --

Cashel -- King Feige finally awoke from the drunken stupor of the Midsummer Revels. "Reports of my death", he announced, "were greatly exaggerated!" Now we will drive the filthy Sassenach back to their native woods with our valiant battalions. The Leinster traitors, who sold themselves to Ethelred, will be wiped from the face of the earth, and their province salted, etc."

Deadline for SPRING, 1023 moves -- Noon, Tues., March 7.

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Not too bad this time--only two players (Reiter, Quist) and two Boursemen (St.Cyr, Ver Ploeg) missed the deadline.... But a zero miss-rate would be so much better!



DIPLOMANIA 32-1 --

THE HOLCOMBE POSITION  
by Ted Holcombe

Much has been said about the English locked-up position of A StP, A Nor, A Den, F Por, F Mid, and F Natl which, assuming no fleets behind the line, locks up eight supply centers (Lon, Lvp, Edi, Nor, Swe, StP, Den, & Por) with only six units. However, very little has been said about the corresponding French locked-up position, which is even stronger once obtained.

The key is the land blockade of A Bur, A Ruh, and A Kie, where Kie replaces Den in the above English locked-up position (note that you could get by with Hol and Den in place of Kie, but this would require one more unit for one less supply center). If Germany is still alive and capable of building Fleets in Berlin which could attack Scandinavia through Lvn and Ber, the addition of F Bal and F Bot would suffice for 100% safety in the north.

The southern half of the French position is a little more difficult. The minimum would be F Mar, F Spa(SC), F Lyo, with F WMed and F Naf. This provides a total of 15 centers for 10 units (12, with two Fleets in Bal and Bot). By replacing Naf with Tunis, we obtain 16 centers for the same 12 units.

Additional expansion could add Ven, Rom, and Nap by replacing the above five units with A Pie, A Ven, A Tus or Rom, A Apu, A Nap, F Tyn, and A Tun. This provides 19 centers (StP, Nor, Swe, Den, Kie, Hol, Bel, Edi, Lvp, Lon, Bre, Par, Mar, Spa, Por, Tun, Nap, Rom, and Ven) "locked-up", with only 14 units maximum (A StP, Nor, Kie, Ruh, Bur, Pie, Ven, Rom, Apu, Nap, Tun, F Tyn, Bal, Bot) (note that A's StP, Nor, Kie, Ven, Apu, Nap, Tun could be replaced by Fleets).

If you think the position is unobtainable, I refer you to EREHWON 1971F, where--if I elected to do so--I could easily conquer Scandinavia and obtain the above position.

For those to whom the orders are not obvious, the locked-up orders would be: A StP (H), (S) by A Norway; F Bot & F Bal (S) ea. other, A Kie (H); A Ruh (S) A Kie; A Bur (H); A Ven (H); A Pie & A Rom (S) A Ven; A Apu (H); A Nap (S) A Apu; F Tyn (H); F Tun (H).

The key to it all is the "Holcombe Line" of A Kie, A Ruh, A Bur. Any English-French alliance which can establish this line would become virtually impregnable in the north, and would have all kinds of units to play around with in the south. Similarly, it should be noted that a French-Italian alliance wherein France controls the northern seas would be equally powerful. It goes without saying that an Eng-Fra-Ita alliance would be extremely hard to stop.

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New Bourse -- A new Bourse is open to any and all interested. It will center around a game now forming in SAGUENIY, the magazine of Canadian postal Diplomacy. The Gamesmaster is Conrad Von Metzke; the Boursemaster is John McCallum. No fees; and you will get a subscription to the 'zine as long as you stay in the Bourse. For entry and rules, write: Grendel Press, Box 8342, San Diego, CA 92102. Deadline for entry, March 14.

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Youngstown Variant -- Would whoever is referring persons to us for the Y.V. rules please note that the rules are not avail. from us; the last we heard, they were avail. for 25¢ from Rod Walker, 4719 Felton St., San Diego, CA 92116.

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## BEYERLEIN PLAYER POLL NO. 3 -- Results

TOP BOARD	S	N	SECOND BOARD	S	N
1. John Smythe (5)	221	13	8. Andy Phillips	87	12
2. Brenton Ver Ploeg (2)	174	13	9. Tom Eller	67	7
3. Eugene Prosnitz	170	14	10. Rick Brooks (1)	64	7
4. Edi Birsan (3)	150	12	11. Larry Peery	58	8
5. Rod Walker (2)	137	12	12. Randy Bytwerk (1)	56	6
6. Doug Beyerlein	105	13	13. Lew Pulsipher	49	5
7. Hal Naus	90	10	14. Bob Strayer (1)	48	4
			14. Len Lakofka (1)	48	5

Players with 17 points or more: Buchanan, Goldstein, Mebane, McCallum, R. Miller (1), Pournelle, Rosamilia, Tretick, Vagts, & Von Metzke.

Note: S means the score or total points tabulated from the ballots, N means the number of ballots listing the player's name on the top board or the second board. Scoring is figured on the following basis: 20 points for 1st place, 17 for 2nd, 15 for 3rd, 13 for 4th, 11 for 5th, 9 for 6th, 8 for 7th, etc.

A total of 17 ballots were cast. Since BPP #2 the following people are no longer playing in a Postal Diplomacy game and therefore were not rated for this poll: J. Beshara, G. Schelz, C. Reinsel, G. Jones, F. Clark, & Derek Nelson. This has led to some shuffling of the top two boards.

No ballots were received from Gamesmasters for my new mini-poll on new players. This may be discontinued, as apparently none of the GM's were interested in submitting a listing of the top board of new players.

The fourth poll will be conducted some time this coming summer or fall. In the future the poll will be run every six to nine months. Ballots for the fourth poll may be sent any time before the announced deadline of BPP #4. All ballots or votes should be sent to: Doug Beyerlein, 3934 S.W. Southern, Seattle, WA 98116.

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 QBC -- Final Comment (from Rod Walker): In the end, I was unable to follow any consistent policy. I had to remain friendly with Russia, and yet when he began to move against me, toward the end, I launched an attack on his Italian possession. Gene wrote to say he was only protecting himself, which was convincing enough, but I simply forgot to send in any change to my orders. Hence, by a fluke, we would up tied for second, a state of affairs I had not envisioned. ##### On the other hand, it was obvious that I could not stop Ver Ploeg from winning. A war in the Mediterranean could only result in my loss of a center or two, so I followed a defensive, but hardly friendly, policy in that area. ##### The single missed move by Russia of course set at nought my more elaborate plans: cooperating with Ver Ploeg while pretending to cooperate with Prosnitz, in order to create some incongruous situations. Or letting the two of them deadlock and then attacking them both with the intent to win the game myself. ##### This was a game situation I had never encountered before: two great powers locked in struggle in such a way that a third minor power had little to fear from either and little to offer--save nonaggression--as well. I could have helped Ver Ploeg by attacking Prosnitz--but my one overriding policy in this game was to keep it going as long as possible and to see what developed. Alas, it didn't work.

((The above statement, plus the move-by-move statements/comments by the players in game QBC will be published at a later date. --ed.))



DIPLOMANIA 32-1 (Continued) --

## VARIANT GAMES IN PROGRESS: A Listing

\*1967Mag Anarchy III (formerly ENTROPY; trf. to Dan Alderson over year ago, with  
 1968Rbu Youngstown Variant (UTOPIA). /no word re result).  
 1969Abu Youngstown Variant (UTOPIA).  
 Ccb Continent (SHIFT!).  
 Qbh Brave New World (BRAVE NEW WORLD).  
 1970Bbp Godawful Game (GODAWFULLER MAGAZINE).  
 Dcj Aberration IV (ZOTHIQUE).  
 Es Scottomacy (RAMSEY DIPLOMAT, game 1970Vsa).  
 Fck Scotice Scripti II (DIPLOPHOBIA, game FNI).  
 1971Av Calhame 5-man Game (BLEFESCU, game 1971E).  
 Bcm Hypereconomic II (THE SIBERIAN).  
 Ccu Youngstown Variant, Revised (OMNIFARIOUS).  
 Dbu Youngstown Variant (UTOPIA).  
 Ebu Youngstown Variant (SCHOOL DAZE). \* Current status unknown.  
 Fcd Aberration III (ZOTHIQUE).  
 Gcd Aberration III (ZOTHIQUE).  
 Hcn Imperialism IX, Revised (CAPTOR).  
 Iv Calhame 5-man Game (BLEFESCU).  
 Jv Calhame 5-man Game (BLEFESCU).  
 Kco Abstraction (COURIER).  
 Lcp The Great European War (THE EUROPEAN NEWS) (Combo. Naval Wargame/Diplomacy).  
 Mcv Youngstown Variant, 2nd Revision (SHIFT!).  
 Ov Calhame 5-man game (OMNIFARIOUS).  
 Pcu Youngstown Variant, Revised (OMNIFARIOUS).  
 Qcr Imperialism VIII, Revised (RAMSEY DIPLOMAT).  
 Rcv Youngstown Variant, 2nd Revision (SHIFT!).  
 Scs "Fistel Variant" (SHIFT!).  
 Tbu Youngstown Variant (ON LES AURA!).  
 Uct Diadokhi (WAR BULLETIN).  
 Vcn Imperialism IX, Revised (THERMOPOLAE).  
 Wcu Youngstown Variant, Revised (RUNNING RIVER).

The above listing includes all active games known to us to date (15 Feb. '72). In the future, the list will be maintained by Lewis Pulsipher, 3214 Twin Towers, Albion, MI 49224. Note that elements of above listing are as follows: (1) "Miller" Variant Game Designation (consisting of three parts: (a) Year in which game was started (or picked up by us), (b) Sequence Indicator: Capital letter, assigned in approx. sequence in which games began (actually, assigned in sequence in which we picked up the game....), (c) Game Type (lower-case letter which identifies type of Variant); (2) Name of Variant; (3) Magazine in which game is currently being run. (Last list of Variant types appeared in DIPLOMANIA #22.)

Removed from Active List --

Abandoned: 1966AFaa, 1966AIac, 1966AKaa, 1967Naa, 1967Uam, 1967AKam, 1967ARam, 1968Qbt, 1968Tam, 1968Ybz, 1969Wbz, 1971Ncq (2-man continuation of completed Dippy game, in SERENDIP, then in PFENNIG HALF-PFENNIG).

Completed: 1966Hf (DCA; drawn W19, Conrad Von Metzke (ENG), Hal Naus (FRI)), 1968Fv (1968CV; won ?, Jerry White, ?), 1969Fv (1969N; won W09, Bob Keathly, A-H), 1969Gcc (won ?, Fred Davis, ?), 1969Hcd (won W12, Harry Gullett, UKRAINA), 1969Ice (FMH-A; won YALIVE 3009, Charles Welsh, RHOVINION), 1969Pcl (FOH; won COIRE 3009, Brian Libby, MORDOR), 1969Tv (RMA; won W1821, Ken Borecki, A-H), 1968Dar (won ?, John Smythe, ?, via player concession).

All persons with recently-started Variant games as of yet unassigned Variant #'s take note of above listing; future requests for Variant #'s should go to Lew Pulsipher (address above). List excludes Origins of WWII games ( #'s for which are assigned by Edi Birsan) & Galaxy games ( #'s for which are assigned by Ver Ploeg).

Miscellania --

Gamesmasters/Publishers with game openings take note: We have been sending out the new Games Bureau/Diplomacy Information Sheet to prospective new Diplomacy Players for the past few weeks. Remember, the I.S. no longer carries a listing of open games; if you wish your game publicized, send us a bunch of slips of paper describing your game, 'zine, or whatever (mimeo, ditto, carbon, offset-- show off your duplicating method), in at least 20 copies (preferably 40 or more-- we answer 6-7 letters a week....). (And the Diplomacy organizations--Postal Diplomacy Congress, Diplomacy Association, etc., are asked to send flyers describing their respective organizations.) ##### So far, slips have been received from four persons: David Dix, Fred Davis, Lew Pulsipher, & John Boyer. We will reproduce the announcements so received in DIPLOPHOBIA and THE GAMESLETTER, as well as sending them out with the I.S. Two of the four so far received are as follows (the other two will appear in DPBA-94; our entire supply was left at the office):

DAVID DIX -- 110 Minden Ave., Oak Hill, WV 25901. GAMES RECORD MAGAZINE; Regular Diplomacy only; \$6.00 1st game, \$5.00 thereafter. (David is 35, married & permanently settled. He is an Elementary School principal and part-time college professor (history); his method of repro will apparently be ditto.)

FRED C. DAVIS, JR. -- 5307 Carriage Ct., Baltimore, MD 21229. BUSHWACKER; Variants only. Offering sections of "Abstraction", "Atlantica", and "Germany Vs. the World". Players may choose which Variants they wish to play. Rules and maps may be obtained from Fred. He does not plan to have more than two games running at any one time, but standby players will be accepted. The game fee is \$5.00 (deliberately set high to discourage drop-outs). Subscription for Standby players is \$3.00 for the length of the game in which you are a Standby (minimum guarantee of 12 issues). Move deadlines are run on a leisurely 4-week basis. Countries are assigned by lot, except that you may ask to play Germany in "Germany Vs. the World". Please specify which game (or games) you want to join. Those who would like to see the rules first may have copies for 50¢ per set, or all three sets for \$1.00. State whether you wish to be listed as a Standby player in the event that the game of your choice is already filled. Please advise your age and whether you are a novice or experienced Diplomacy player; this will help to equalize things if Fred runs more than one section of the same Variant. Send money for maps/rules now; do not send Game fees until notified to do so.

Re DPBA #92 H-R's Change Section & comments therein:

John Boyer -- I read Phil Sageser's comment concerning taking control of a supply center. It seems to me that we ought to look at the game historically in order to see any sense in the ruling. In those days, winter was normally not a time to wage war, and probably resulted more often in the replenishing of the armed forces for the coming spring attacks. Thus, we have our builds during the winter season. However, one cannot take control of a foreign hostile province in spring and then leave it in the fall of the same year without running the risk of the local populace rising up against the conquerors. It would seem more logical that in order to obtain the supplies for building another unit, it would require a force to be stationed in the occupied area to make sure that the local populace does not refuse to help in building an enemy unit. All we have to remember is the trouble the Germans had in France during World War II with the French Resistance.

Rod Walker -- You might note that the new postmarks include the first three numbers of the ZIP code, which is sufficient to identify the city or area of origin. For instance, all "921" letters originate in San Diego. It is no more difficult under the old system to send in orders from someone else's ZIP than it is under the new system.

Prospective Players ("New Blood") --

John De Prisco, Box 502, Manor Branch, New Castle, IL 19720.

Scot Faulkner, Brokaw Hall, 320 E. Laurence St., Appleton, WI 54911.